

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

**COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION**

Voting Members:

Breene Harimoto, Chair
Joey Manahan, Vice Chair
Carol Fukunaga
Ron Menor
Kymberly Marcos Pine

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
2ND FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Note: The video of the full proceedings of this meeting can be viewed at <http://honolulucountyhi.igmp2.com> or a copy of the video may be requested by calling the City Clerk's Office at 768-5822.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Transportation was called to order by Committee Chair Breene Harimoto at 1:02 p.m. Voting Members Fukunaga and Manahan were present at the meeting. Voting Members Menor and Pine were excused from the meeting. Non-voting member Council Chair Martin (temporary voting member for quorum) also attended the meeting.

STAFF PRESENT

Frank Streed, Senior Aide to Committee Chair Harimoto
Lori Hiraoka, Attorney, Office of Council Services
Douglas Chun, Analyst, Office of Council Services
Paul Hoshino, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel,
assigned to the Committee
Pearlene Otto, Council Committee Aide, Office of the City Clerk

ORDER OF BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee on Transportation meeting of November 21, 2013 were approved as circulated.

AYES: MANAHAN, MARTIN (temporary voting member), HARIMOTO – 3.
NOES: None.
EXCUSED: FUKUNAGA, MENOR, PINE – 3.

FOR ACTION

1. RESOLUTION 13-285 – COMMITTEE REPORT 10

APPROVING NEW CITY INVOLVED WORK ELEMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM.

Administration/Others

Michael D. Formby, Director, Department of Transportation Services (DTS)

Director Formby explained that the Resolution would approve the addition of a Complete Streets Implementation Study into the Fiscal Year 2014 Overall Work Program (OWP). The OWP, prepared annually by the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, identifies planning projects to be performed with Federal highway and transit funds. The Director further explained the intent of the study and asked for favorable support from the Committee.

In response to questions posed by the Committee, Director Formby responded with the following:

- The study would include recommendations on potential locations best suited for Complete Streets implementation.
- Local funding has been acquired and will be included in the DTS Budget.
- The DTS will initiate the Request for Proposals which would commence approximately two weeks after the adoption of the Resolution.

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The following individuals testified:

1. Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League (support)
2. Natalie Iwasa (comments)
3. Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock, Chinatown Business and Community Association (support)

Resolution 13-285 reported out for adoption.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, MANAHAN, HARIMOTO – 3.

NOES: None.

EXCUSED: MENOR, PINE – 2.

Related communications:

D-865(2013) Michael D. Formby, Director, Department of Transportation Services, transmitting Resolution 13-285

M-64 Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League (support)

M-66 John Goody, Honolulu Transportation Commission (support)

2. RESOLUTION 13-290 – COMMITTEE REPORT 11

ENCOURAGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A DEMONSTRATION “PARKLET” PROJECT PROGRAM.

Administration/Others

Michael D. Formby, Director, Department of Transportation Services (DTS)

Director Formby stated that the Administration submitted written testimony in support of the Resolution subject to issues, including but not limited to, the following:

- Permit fees
- Loss of revenue associated with parking
- Public use requirements
- Design standards to ensure structural and safety requirements are met
- Restrict parklets to roadways with speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less
- Maintenance and liability insurance requirements

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The Director advised that the DTS will not allow a demonstration parklet project to proceed without the resolution of all issues.

Council Chair Martin voiced his support and would like to move forward with the projects.

Committee Chair Harimoto suggested that certain City requirements could be waived if the City agreed to sponsor the demonstration projects in conjunction with a non-profit or business partnership.

The following individuals testified:

1. Barbara Armentrout (oppose)

In response to Ms. Armentrout's concerns, Committee Member Fukunaga pointed out the importance of involvement from the community, the Neighborhood Boards and the area legislators.

2. Robert Oda, Kamehameha Schools (support)

In response to questions posed by Committee Chair Harimoto, Mr. Oda replied that the City will be invited to provide their expertise and assessment in an upcoming parklet design competition sponsored by the Kamehameha Schools. The three winning designs would become actual demonstration projects in locations subject to the City's approval. The projects will be the sole responsibility of the Kamehameha Schools including the liability insurance.

3. Cindy McMillan, The Pacific Resource Partnership (support)

4. Natalie Iwasa, Cycle on Hawaii (support)

Committee Chair Harimoto asked Ms. Iwasa to forward the information of the organization interested in sponsoring a parklet project.

5. Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League (support)

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Committee Chair Harimoto recommended that Resolution 13-290 be amended to a CD1 and reported out for adoption.

Resolution 13-290 amended to a CD1 and reported out for adoption.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, MANAHAN, HARIMOTO – 3.

NOES: None.

EXCUSED: MENOR, PINE – 2.

CD1 to Resolution 13-290 – The CD1 (OCS/011614/04:20/YL) makes the following amendment to the Resolution:

- a. Adds Kaka‘ako to the list of potential demonstration sites.

Related communications:

D-32 Michael D. Formby, Director, Department of Transportation Services (support)

M-63 Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League (support)

M-65 Cindy McMillan, The Pacific Resource Partnership (support)

3. RESOLUTION 14-4 – COMMITTEE REPORT 12

GIFT TO THE CITY FROM THE CHINATOWN BUSINESS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the City from the Chinatown Business Community Association for the procurement of a dragon decal for Kekaulike Junction.

Administration/Others

Michael D. Formby, Director, Department of Transportation Services (DTS)
Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock, President, Chinatown Business and Community Association

There was no public testimony.

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Director Formby stated that the Administration strongly supports the Resolution. He affirmed that the dragon decal could be procured for approximately \$3,500.00 and will meet the Federal Specifications for non-slip applications. The Director acknowledged that the community understood the ramifications associated with the placement of the decal on a public street.

Ms. Shubert-Kwock provided a brief history of Chinatown and the significance of the dragon design. In addition, she disclosed some concerns regarding the placement of other structures within Chinatown. Council Chair Martin suggested she contact the Councilmember of the district for assistance.

Ms. Shubert-Kwock pointed out that the project started four years ago and is elated that it will finally come to fruition. The dragon decal will become the landmark to symbolize the Chinatown district and will be placed in the Barnes Dance crosswalk of the four major Chinatown junctions – Oahu Market, Chun's Market, Kekaulike Street, and King Street.

Resolution 14-4 reported out for adoption.

AYES: FUKUNAGA, MANAHAN, HARIMOTO – 3.
NOES: None.
EXCUSED: MENOR, PINE – 2.

Related communication:

D-13 Michael D. Formby, Director, Department of Transportation Services,
transmitting Resolution 14-4

FOR DISCUSSION

4. HONOLULU BIKESHARE PROGRAM

Presentation and status update by members of the Honolulu Bikeshare Working Group.

Administration/Others

Michael D. Formby, Director, Department of Transportation Services (DTS)
Shem Lawlor, Planner, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP)

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Director Formby expressed the Department's commitment to the Honolulu Bikeshare Program. He announced that on January 2, 2014 the non-profit organization, Bikeshare Hawaii, was established. The organization is essentially a public/private partnership comprised of members from the State of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu, and private businesses.

The Director reported that the State of Hawaii will endow one million dollars towards this initiative and the DTS will endow funds as well in their budget. He noted that the estimated start-up cost to run the program will be between 12 and 15 million dollars. Director Formby indicated that Bikeshare will be incorporated into the Transit Oriented Development Plans and implemented together with the Oahu Bike Plan.

Planner Lawlor gave a brief description of Bikeshare and highlighted the following points as outlined in Communication D-38:

- How Bikeshare works
- Why cities are investing in Bikeshare and how has it grown over the years
- How Bikeshare was launched in Hawaii
- The objectives and outcome of the organizational study that was completed
- The recommended models and structure
- The cost and revenue estimates
- Implementation targets

Director Formby gave a note of recognition to the DPP and Planner Lawlor for initiating the concept and moving it forward. The Director emphasized that the intention of the program is expansion and growth beyond urban core Honolulu into the entire State of Hawaii.

In response to queries by the Committee Members, Director Formby and Planner Lawlor provided the following:

- Bikeshare Hawaii was formed under the laws of the State of Hawaii through the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.
- Sponsorship, fundraising, and advertisement on the bicycles would be considered.
- The Bikeshare program will primarily be membership-based but will be available for individuals and tourists to use on a pay-per-ride basis.

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- The City's commitment to Bikeshare Hawaii would be to provide financial funding, staff support and resources. Weekly meetings are being held to discuss the implementation of the program.
- Based on the numbers envisioned, the largest percentage of the costs would be private-borne. There is huge support from the private community and many have expressed interest in becoming a part of the initiative.
- The consultant indicated that the program would be very sustainable and profitable in part due to the tourist industry. The user revenues are estimated to be between four and six million dollars a year.
- Recommendations were made to initiate the program in urban core Honolulu within the districts of Waikiki to Ala Moana. Other districts will be considered as feedback from the communities and rider demands become available. The Hawaii Tourism Authority expressed their strong support to the program as it will be complimentary to their industry.
- The DPP in conjunction with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation are considering possible implementation of Bikeshare stations in some of the rail transit plazas. The concept is to have Bikeshare stations at every rail transit station.
- The Pearl Harbor Bike Trail is a great potential resource for Bikeshare.

Committee Chair Harimoto extended his appreciation to all parties involved.

The following individuals testified:

1. Barbara Armentrout (oppose)
2. Natalie Iwasa (comments)
3. Marti Townsend, Executive Director, Outdoor Circle (support)

In response to queries from Committee Vice Chair Manahan, Ms. Townsend replied that there are many opportunities for sponsorship demonstration without violating Hawaii sign laws.

4. Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director, Hawaii Bicycling League (support)
5. Asia Yeary, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (support)

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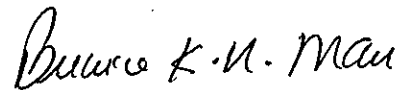
Related communications:

- D-37 Handout titled "What Could Bike Sharing Look Like in Honolulu?"
submitted by the Department of Planning and Permitting
- D-38 Hardcopy of Powerpoint presentation "Bringing Bikeshare to Hawaii"
submitted by the Department of Planning and Permitting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



BERNICE K. N. MAU
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED

February 27, 2014